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Dublin, 24th of May 1860

Dear Mr May - The Niagara arrived
duly & so did the books, but I have not
got them yet. In consequence of a letter
(I presume from you) to Mr. James Abbott
& remission of duty, he applied to the
Treasury & after some weeks he sent me a
letter from the Liverpool Customs House
requesting to know the names of the Public
libraries for which the books were intended.
I wrote to him giving him the names of
the Anti Slavery libraries you meant
them for, & as I have not since heard,
I presume he did ^{on} my letter; as I told
him if there should be any further dif-
ficulty to pay the ~~duty~~ duty I send
me the books.

I think former reason for not coming
as if in the steps of Douglass, a very
respectable sample - but you are aware
by this time that D. went home on
hearing of his daughter's death - I
heard with £500 in his pocket. I think
S. Thompson suspects that D. put him-
self into a false position by a former
unpleasant unmanly speech on the

constitution in reply to him of which
you have seen a report - which was far
less energetic than the reality. By
heart and I hope to send you a copy
of a pamphlet containing Thompson's
1st speech revised & corrected; Dr. Flax's
Reply taken down by a reporter who
will swear to its accuracy, & which is
as far from a piece of clover as I
have ever seen; & Thompson's Responses
in which (as Quincy would say) Dr.
"gets his head stuck" - the whole forming
the clearest & most complete manual on
the subject for Englishmen I have ever
seen - and the most complete exposure
of Dr. Flax's real character - his ability,
malapropos, & insincerity.

I am glad Garrison did not come
with H. C. W. who though I doubt not an
honest & upright man - is by no means
in good odour outside of a very small
circle. His want of manners, taste &
tact are all against him & would be
unpleasant to the any one in whose com-
pany he might come. Personally I have
nothing but kindness & good feeling towards
him - but I cannot shut my eyes to the
facts. Such men as Ward & Pillsbury
who cannot conform to the company they
keep with - who are in no sense men of the

would, & who learn nothing here, do not do
as supermen to the fastidious, conser-
vative & not too zealous ^{of} sympathy
English. These people must be won & not
repelled. I know of no man I would
so much like to see come over with
Farrar as yourself, unless it were
Wendell Phillips. If I were speaking
behind your back I would say I ~~do~~
do not know which is to be preferred in
public forums. Speaking for myself
there is no one I would rather see
with him than you - & I should be
glad to see you together - and I do
most earnestly hope to see you. The
light of you would be to me like water in
the desert to the thirsty traveller.

Geo. Thompson was in Dublin a few
weeks ago for a short time. He stayed
with Mr. Edmondson & was made
much of there. He is well, delighted
& I do not wonder that people are
fascinated by him. If he had such
a wife worthy of him who would have
kept him comfortable a time &
supplied his deficiency of a proper
sense of the value of money, he would
have been a great man as well as a good fellow.

He is true to the cause & its friends -
and no man is better suited for our
platform on this subject. His know-
ledge, his industry, & his systematic
comprehension of the whole question
are admirable & enviable.

You ask how I feel. I am with
good hopes & great admiration & respect
than ever. For a person who
is naturally free from suspicion I
take credit to myself for the tenacity
with which I have stood by the cause
under circumstances so far from
cheering. Nevertheless I neither
repel nor repent ~~any~~ ^{even} in
this respect. The greatest enjoyment
of my life has arisen from my
connection with the abolitionists - &
any body little as I have ever been ~~to~~
in the world. What about your son.
I hope you hear from him & that he
is well. Richard is settled in partnership
in a small but safe commission business
in Dublin. Ever yours affectionately

Richd D Webb